(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to check and discourage procurement of arms by undesirable and anti-social elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Instances of certain Nagaland authorities issuing arms licences without strictly following the prescribed procedures have come to notice. Such licences have also been issued to people from outside Nagaland, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, UP and Bihar.

(c) Instructions have been issued to the State Governments from time to time suggesting, *inter-alia*, that:

(i) provisions of the Arms Act/Rules and instructions/guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time be strictly and scrupulously adhered;

(ii) frequent surprise checks of licensed dealers may be carried out by law enforcement agencies;

(iii) specialised investigating units may be set up in States where the crime is rampant.

**Lifting the Ban on Lottery**

1438. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Delhi Government for the lifting of ban on lotteries in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.